

MAD Social Studies 9/10

Exam Prep Assignment 1

Name: _____

Key skills:

- Draw conclusions about a problem, an issue, or a topic.
- **Assess and defend a variety of positions on a problem, an issue, or a topic.**
- Demonstrate leadership by planning, implementing, and assessing strategies to address a problem or an issue.
- **Identify and clarify a problem or issue.**
- **Evaluate and organize collected data (e.g., in outlines, summaries, notes, timelines, charts).**
- Interpret information and data from a variety of maps, graphs, and tables.
- **Interpret and present data in a variety of forms (e.g., oral, written, and graphic).**
- Accurately cite sources.
- Construct graphs, tables, and maps to communicate ideas and information, demonstrating appropriate use of grids, scales, legends, and contours

Here are areas of concern that can play a part in national and international events. Choose one of the following concerns, and plug it into statement below:

Concerns:

1. Nationalism
2. Economics
3. Invasion
4. Racism
5. Politics
6. Assimilation
7. Specific Events (used for our example)

'There is no evidence that _____ have/has any influence in national, or international affairs.'

Your job:

1. Take a contrary position to this statement
2. Imagine you are creating an official argument against this that you need to present before the Federal Government. You are allowed only four points to make, with a fully-formed example to use for each one. Examples should be two paragraphs, each.
3. Address it to Mr. Speaker.

Example:

It has been said that there is no evidence that specific events have any influence in national, or international affairs. It is clear, Mr. Speaker, that they are not aware of how these events have shaped our country, and sometimes the world!

For example, the assassination of Duke Ferdinand of Austria led to World War 1, as what was first a war between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, other allies took both sides until Germany, Britain, and even Canada and the U.S. were drawn in. Despite the fact that the Serbian government was not shown to have been behind the assassination, the actions of a 19-year-old Serbian-born assassin started a global conflict.